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## Sahara? It's In Hanna

**Dusty Strip Prompts** Complaints

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HANNA, Duchesne County-It's dust from dusk to dusk, so help me Hannah!

Residents of this tiny community in northwestern Duchesne County have had it. They want the Utah State Department of Highways to finish their project on Utah Highway 35 and move elsewhere.

A water truck sprinkles the worst places every day but that









## Hanna Road Beats Dust

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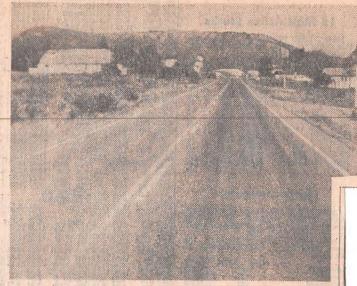
HANNA, Duchesne County - Just three years ago a dust pall rising from State Road 35 was a source of great irritation to local residents - in more ways than one.

Now a wide paved highway is completed and the dust problem has disappeared.

The new road links Tabiona and Hanna to a point near the Stockmore Ranger Station at the north fork bridge of the Duchesne River.

Gov. Calvin L. Rampton promised the Tablona-Hanna delegations in 1965 that the Froad would be improved and maintained so that area residents would not be marooned by the snow in the winter and the mud in the spring. He made the commitment when he paid his "county visit" four years ago.

The construction was done in three contracts, through the Tabiona-Hanna area. One contract was through Tabiona, from the junction of SR 208 (Golden Stairs) and SR 35, bridge.



Once it was dust, now it's a beautiful highway into Hanna.

Three years ago the people of Hanna became so dust-coated from the deer-hunting traffic that a sprinkler truck had to spread water right in the business district. Dust was said to then the segment from Tabi- have been a contributing factor cona, realigned to just beyond in causing a fatal motor vehi-Hanna, and the section from cle accident farther up the Tabiona-Hanna area. Hanna to near the North Fork road toward Wolf Creek Pass. as a deer hunter's vehicle left The final segment cost the road when passing anoth-\$310,000, including the grad- er vehicle on this dusty road.

ing, draining, bitminous road- This stretch of SR 35 is now mix surfacing, fencing, etc., a pleasure to drive. However, states the project engineer, the connecting sections of this Thomas F. Law, Duchesne. highway from the Bluebench James Reed Construction Junctin of SR 87, six miles Co., Salt Lake City, completed north of Duchesne, to the the project this summer after junction of SR 208 and SR 35, having started it in June, are still unimproved for a distance of 21 miles.

From a mile below the North Fork bridge, over Wolf Creek Pass, westerly to Woodland, the road winds 18 milesand is used as a part-of - theyear route from the Wasatch Front communities to the Uinta Basin, It is actually a scenic short-cut to the

The section of SR 35 from north of Duchesne, up the Duchesne River to the oiled road below Tabiona, is getting the attention as the next construction priority from local leaders. However, Duchesne County Commissioner Ray Thomas, who lives on this route, said he had been informed that further imrovement of this route is not programmed until 1975.